

Notice of Allowability

Application No.

09/940,969

Examiner

Jason Prone

Applicant(s)

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-- The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address--

All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. ☒ This communication is responsive to the amendment filed on 12 August 2004.
 2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 3-11, 13, 14, 17, 18 and 21.
 3. ☐ The drawings filed on _____ are accepted by the Examiner.
 4. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 - a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the;
 1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
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- * Certified copies not received: _____.

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5. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
 6. ☒ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
 - (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
 - 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date _____.
 - (b) ☒ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date 20040820.
- Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).
7. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

1. ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2. ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3. ☐ Information Disclosure Statements (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08),
Paper No./Mail Date _____
4. ☐ Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit
of Biological Material
5. ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
6. ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413),
Paper No./Mail Date _____
7. ☒ Examiner's Amendment/Comment
8. ☒ Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
9. ☐ Other _____

DETAILED ACTION

EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

1. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Julia Watson-Backenkeller on 20 August 2004.

The application has been amended as follows:

- Claims 2, 12, 15, 16, 19, and 20 have been cancelled.
- Claim 21 has been replaced with:

--A wrapping material storage unit/workstation comprising;

a cabinet having a cabinet interior bounded by opposing upper and lower cabinet walls and opposing side cabinet walls extending between the upper and lower cabinet walls;

a door having an interior door surface and an exterior door surface, the door being foldably affixed with respect to the cabinet to swing between a fully closed position wherein the interior door surface is situated over the cabinet interior and a fully open position at which the door rests in an at least substantially horizontal plane, the door thereby defining a working platform in front of the cabinet interior when in the fully open position;

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said cabinet further comprising a first interchangeable set, said first interchangeable set including;

a spindle(s) extending at least substantially horizontally between the side cabinet wall, the spindle(s) being removeably affixed with respect to at least one of the side cabinet walls thereby a roll(s) of wrapping material may be mounted on the spindle(s) and one or more rip bars extending at least substantially parallel to the spindle and spaced therefrom, whereby wrapping material extending from the spindle may be forced against the rip bars to rip the wrapping material,

a shelf situated within the cabinet interior above the spindle(s), whereby items may be stored on the shelf and away from a path defined between the spindle(s) and the working platform defined by the door resting in the fully open position, the items thereby being accessible from the working platform, but not interfering with wrapping material extending from the spindle(s) onto the working platform,

said first interchangeable set can be removed and replaced with a second interchangeable set, said second interchangeable set comprising;

an insertable roll rack adapted to closely fit within the cabinet interior between at least one pair of opposing cabinet walls, the roll rack including;

a front rack wall having an access aperture defined therein, the access aperture being elongated in at least a substantially horizontal direction; and

a rack shelf being situated beneath the access aperture whereby it may support a roll(s) of wrapping material thereon to supply the wrapping material through the access aperture situated above.--

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- In claim 3 line 1, the phrase "said first interchangeable set" has been deleted.
- In claim 13 line 1, the phrase "The wrapping material storage unit/workstation of claim 12 further comprising" has been replaced with --The wrapping material storage unit/workstation of claim 21 said second interchangeable set further comprising--.
- In claim 17 line 1, the phrase "The wrapping material storage unit/workstation of claim 16" has been replaced with --The wrapping material storage unit/workstation of claim 4--.
- On page 11 line 18 of the specification, the number "146" has been deleted.
- On page 13 line 11 of the specification, the phrase "Fig. 3 illustrates an alternative storage unit/workstation" has been replaced with --Fig. 3 illustrates a storage unit/workstation with a second set of storage units--.
- On page 16 line 2 of the specification, the number "910" has been deleted.
- In Figure 2, item "150" should be pointing at the hook above the bin. See page 6 of this office action for corrected Figure 2.

Allowable Subject Matter

2. Claims 3-8, 10, 11, 13, 14, 17, 18, and 21 are allowed.
3. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance: Claims 3-11, 13, 14, 17, 18, and 21 are allowable because of the apparatus with a first interchangeable set including spindles and rip bars and a second interchangeable set including a roll rack as set forth in the claims. None of the prior art cited discloses an apparatus that incorporates the use of a first interchangeable set including spindles and

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rip bars that can be removed and replaced with a second interchangeable set including a roll rack. Therefore, in view of what has been stated above, the claims are allowable over the art of record.

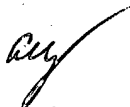
4. Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Conclusion

5. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Jason Prone whose telephone number is 703-605-4287. The examiner can normally be reached on 7:30-5:00, Mon - (every other) Fri.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Allan N. Shoap can be reached on 703-308-1082. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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